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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We live in a rural community with few choices for internet service and phone service. The local phone service (Century Link) promised fiber optic internet service over 2 years ago and did not come through. We have chosen Gorge Net as our internet and phone provider. Since then our phone bill has dropped over \$25 a month. We have had Gorgenet as our internet provider since the 90's. They have met our needs and are always available if we've ever had an issue.

Satellite internet/phone service in our locale is very sketchy and not cost efficient for us. We are retired individuals living on a fixed income in a secluded area. Broadband competition in our area is critical for us. We have basically no options other than GorgeNet. We urge you to not cut off rural America! We don't need increased costs, either.

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